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# **METHODS VALIDATION**

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Bradley, Sean

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**From:** Temple, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2003 5:41 PM  
**To:** Morse, David E  
**Cc:** Bross, Peter F; Rosario, Lillian; Bradley, Sean  
**Subject:** RE: Velcade Pregnancy labeling

I'm convinced.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Morse, David E  
**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2003 4:11 PM  
**To:** Temple, Robert  
**Cc:** Bross, Peter F; Rosario, Lillian; Morse, David E; Bradley, Sean  
**Subject:** Velcade Pregnancy labeling

Bob

Rick forwarded your inquiry regarding the labeling of Velcade as a Pregnancy Category "D" vs. "C".

To highlight the significant findings:

1) Velcade was embryolethal in rats and rabbits, at doses approximating 1/2 of the clinical dose (based on BSA). Importantly, the embryolethality in the rabbit was seen at doses which were minimally toxic to the does (i.e., caused transiently decreases in food consumption following the initiation of dosing). Higher doses could not be tested due to severe maternal toxicity/lethality. Specifically, pregnant rabbits given PS-341 during organogenesis at a dose of 0.6 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (half the recommended clinical dose) experienced significant post-implantation losses and decreased numbers of live fetuses at minimally maternal toxic doses. Live fetuses from these litters also showed significant decreases in fetal weight. However, PS-341 was not teratogenic in rats and rabbits at the highest dose tested (0.5mg/m<sup>2</sup> and 0.6 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively) when administered during organogenesis.

2) While no formal transplacental transfer studies were performed, tissue distribution studies in the rodent suggest that PS-341 is freely capable of crossing vascular and cellular membranes without need of a specific transport mechanism. Moreover, the binding of PS-341 within tissues was far in excess of plasma concentrations throughout the distribution and elimination phases of drug handling. Thus, there is reason to suspect that exposure of the developing fetus to PS-341 will occur, and at levels in excess of plasma drug concentrations.

3) PS-341 has the specific activity of inhibiting the chymotryptic activity of the 26S proteasome, resulting in cell cycle arrest in proliferating cells, and the induction of apoptosis. While the data are somewhat unclear, the toxicity profile for PS-341 suggest that many of the end-organ toxicities seen following treatment predominate in tissues with high proliferation rates. Thus, the likelihood of a perturbation to scheduled cell death (apoptosis) among the rapidly proliferating cells/tissues of the developing fetus appears a high probability event.

4) While not a 'classic' cytotoxic agent (i.e., a nucleoside analog or interchelator), the functional result of PS-341 inhibition of the proteasome is cellular death/apoptosis. The division has considerable experience with such compounds, and has invariably considered these agents to represent a significant risk to the developing fetus (either as a teratogen or as a fetotoxic/embryolethal agent). Such compounds have generally been labeled as Pregnancy category "D".

5) Pregnancy Category D is based on adverse effects on the fetus, which must include embryolethality effects and the continuation/discontinuation of pregnancy (or the abrupt and unscheduled end of pregnancy).

To summarize- PS-341 was embryolethal at fractions of the human dose and with minimal toxicity to the dam; exposure of the fetal tissue to PS-341 is highly likely; PS-341 causes apoptosis of proliferating cells (and perhaps non-proliferating cells); and the PS-341 toxicity profile is generally similar to many cytotoxic compounds which are labeled as Pregnancy category "D".

David

CC: Lilliam Rosario, P/T Reviewer for Velcade



**Memorandum** DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH  
DIVISION OF CARDIO-RENAL DRUG PRODUCTS

**FROM:** Anthony G. Proakis, Ph.D., Pharmacologist Reviewer, DCRDP, HFD-110

**THROUGH:** Charles A. Resnick, Ph.D., Pharmacology Team Leader, DCRDP, HFD-110  
Douglas C. Throckmorton, M.D., Director, DCRDP, HFD-110

**TO:** Richard Pazdur, M.D., Director, Div. Oncology Drug Products, HFD-150  
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**SUBJECT:** Velcade Inj. (PS-341, Millennium Pharmaceuticals); NDA #21,602

**DATE RECEIVED:** 2/20/03

**DATE COMPLETED:** 4/01/03

**INTRODUCTION**

Millennium Pharmaceuticals submitted to the Division of Oncology Drug Products a New Drug Application (NDA # 21,602) for Velcade (bortezomib) for Injection for the treatment of relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma

The Division of Oncology Drug Products is requesting that we evaluate the results of non-clinical pharmacology studies, conducted in cynomolgus monkeys, that showed increases in myocardial contractility at doses that are clinically relevant.

Three study reports were submitted that describe the effects of PS-341 on cardiovascular function in cynomolgus monkeys.

**STUDY DESCRIPTIONS AND RESULTS**

***PS-341: Cardiovascular Effects after Intravenous Administration in Telemetered Cynomolgus Monkeys***

This study, conducted for Millennium Pharmaceuticals by \_\_\_\_\_, assessed the effects of single intravenous doses of PS-341 in cynomolgus monkeys. One male and one female monkey each received an intravenous dose of 0.2 mg PS-341/kg on Day 1 of the study and a second intravenous dose of 0.3 mg PS-341/kg on Day 32 of the study. The animals were monitored for clinical signs of toxicity at periodic intervals following each dose. Electrocardiographic (Lead II) and blood pressure measurements were recorded telemetrically before each dose and continuously for up to 24 hours after the 0.2 mg/kg dose and for 12 hours after the 0.3 mg/kg dose. Approximately 12 hours after the second dose, the animals were sacrificed and necropsied.

The administration of the 0.2 mg/kg IV dose resulted in vomiting by the female monkey approximated 6 hours after dosing on Day 1; the 0.3 mg/kg dose resulted in vomiting approximately 6 hours after dosing in the male monkey and on six occasions (approximately 4.5 to 11 hours postdose) for the female monkey.

Heart rates and mean blood pressures (results presented as continuous recordings) fluctuated during the predose and post dose periods. A sustained fall in mean blood pressure (~ 20 mmHg) accompanied by a rise in heart rate (~ 40-50 bpm) occurred in the female monkey approximately 6 hours after the 0.2 mg/kg dose. The cardiovascular responses in the female monkey appeared to coincide with the emetic episode in

this animal. It is not discernable if the cardiovascular responses were direct effects of the drug or were physiological consequences of the emetic response. A similar delayed blood pressure fall and heart rate increase was seen in this animal following the 0.3 mg/kg dose. Heart rate and blood pressure in the male did not seem to be remarkably changed from predose values following either dose of PS-341.

#### *Cardiotoxicity of PS-341 (NSC-D681239) in the Monkey*

This study was conducted for the National Cancer Institute, NIH, \_\_\_\_\_, to evaluate the potential cardiotoxicity of intravenous doses of PS-341 in male cynomolgus monkeys. Four monkeys were administered a single IV dose of PS-341 (0.1, 0.2, 0.25 or 0.3 mg/kg) and the animals were observed for clinical signs of toxicity up to 12 hours postdose and then twice daily for up to 8 days postdose. Heart rate, blood pressures, body temperature and ECGs were recorded from all animals via implanted radiotelemetry devices.

The 0.1 mg/kg dose elicited no adverse effects. The monkey given the 0.2 mg/kg dose vomited approximately 6 hours after dosing. After the 0.25 mg/kg dose, the animal vomited approximately 4.5 and 5.5 hours postdose. The fourth animal, which received the 0.3 mg/kg dose, became lethargic experienced neuromuscular tremors, developed diarrhea, laid down in its cage and became unresponsive. The latter two animals given the 0.25 and 0.3 mg/kg doses were euthanized approximately 13-14 hours following dosing.

Heart rates increased in all 4 animals following administration of PS-341. The mean blood pressure in the animal given the 0.1 mg/kg dose showed little to no change from predose levels; however, a fall in mean blood pressure was observed after administration of 0.2, 0.25 and 0.3 mg/kg of PS-341. Blood pressure returned to normal levels after the 0.2 mg/kg dose but did not follow diurnal patterns for approximately 4 to 5 days after dosing. The elevated heart rate seen with 0.1 and 0.2 mg/kg returned to baseline after 2 to 4 days post dose. The animal receiving the highest dose became extremely hypotensive and remained so until euthanized. No effect on the electrocardiogram was seen following any dose of PS-341.

It appears that the increased heart rate following PS-341 administration is a compensatory response to the drug-induced hypotension.

#### *A Study to Determine the Effects of PS-341 on Cardiovascular Function after Intravenous Administration to Anesthetized Cynomolgus Monkeys*

This study was conducted for Millennium Pharmaceuticals by \_\_\_\_\_, to evaluate the effects of intravenous PS-341 on cardiovascular function in anesthetized cynomolgus monkeys. Three male and three female cynomolgus monkeys were anesthetized with isoflurane and instrumented to record heart rate, arterial blood pressure, pulmonary arterial blood pressure, central venous pressure, left ventricular pressure and contractility (LVdp/dt), cardiac output body temperature and electrocardiogram. Single PS-341 doses of 0.03, 0.3 and 0.5 mg/kg were administered intravenously to 1M and 1F per dose. The animals were monitored for 6 hours after dosing. Venous blood samples were obtained at baseline and one and six hours post dose for measurement of plasma concentrations of PS-341.

No animals died during the 6-hour postdose observation period. The electrocardiogram was unaffected by PS-341 treatment. At the 0.03 mg/kg dose, heart rates fluctuated  $\pm 10\%$  from mean baseline values over the 6-hour period. This dose induced a gradual increase (10-25%) in blood pressure that peaked at 3 to 4 hours following dosing. At the 0.3 mg/kg dose, both animals experienced an initial decrease (10-20%) in arterial pressure during the first hour after dosing with blood pressure continuing to decline over the 6 hour observation period. Heart rate in the male at the 0.3 mg/kg dose increased gradually and at 5 hours post dose was about 50% higher than baseline value. Heart rate in the female treated with 0.3 mg/kg of PS-341 increased modestly (~10%). In both animals given the 0.5 mg/kg dose, a biphasic blood pressure response was observed, an initial increase (30-50%) above baseline value during the first 2 hours post dose followed by a decrease in blood pressure from baseline. Heart rate in the male monkey showed a gradual decrease



(~10%) over the 6 hours period whereas a gradual increase (up to 40% from baseline) was seen in the female given the 0.5 mg/kg dose.

Maximal LVdp/dt increased by 20-50% above baseline in both animals given the 0.03 mg/kg dose and increased up to 300% above baseline in both males and females after the 0.3 mg/kg and 0.5 mg/kg doses.

Cardiac output remained relatively unchanged in each animal after the 0.03 mg/kg dose but increased above baseline values after the 0.3 and 0.5 mg/kg doses.

#### SUMMARY AND EVALUATION

In the two studies conducted in conscious cynomolgus monkeys, a steep dose-response for toxicity was observed for PS-341. No adverse effects were observed after an IV dose of 0.1 mg PS-341/kg. Doses  $\geq$  0.2 mg/kg IV caused emesis and a dose of 0.3 mg/kg IV produced neuromuscular tremors, diarrhea and unresponsiveness that necessitated early sacrifice of the animals.

In conscious monkeys, IV doses  $\geq$  0.2 mg PS-341/kg caused a drop in mean arterial blood pressure and increases in heart rates from baseline levels. The increases in heart rate generally coincided with the blood pressure fall and appears to reflect a compensatory response to the drug-induced hypotension.

In anesthetized monkeys, doses up to 0.5 mg/kg of PS-341 (which were emetic in conscious animals) were explored for effects on cardiovascular function without causing vomiting. The lowest dose (0.03 mg/kg IV) produced minor fluctuations in mean blood pressures and heart rates. A reduction in mean blood pressure from baseline level occurred in the male and female monkeys treated with the 0.3 mg/kg IV dose and was accompanied by increases (50% in the male and 10% in the female) in heart rates from baseline. Myocardial contractility (LV dp/dt) in anesthetized monkeys (not measured in conscious animals) increased above baseline after the 0.3 and 0.5 mg/kg doses of PS-341.

A consistent finding among these 3 studies is that PS-341 causes a fall in mean blood pressure following IV doses  $\geq$  0.2 mg/kg. The increases in heart rate and myocardial contractility appear to coincide temporally with the induced hypotension and most likely reflect compensatory cardiovascular responses. However, a direct (positive inotropic) effect of PS-341 on the myocardium cannot be totally excluded by these experiments alone. Typically, in vitro isolated heart or isolated myocardial preparations are used to determine direct inotropic (positive or negative) effects of drugs.

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## REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

TO HFD-110/WLAIL

FROM HFD-150/SVERBOIS/SBRADLEY

DATE 20FEB03	IND NO.	NDA NO. 21-602	TYPE OF DOCUMENT NEW NDA	DATE OF DOCUMENT 21JAN03
NAME OF DRUG VELCADE (bortezomib) for INJECTON		PRIORITY CONSIDERATION STANDARD	CLASSIFICATION OF DRUG PROTEASOME INHIBITOR	DESIRED COMPLETION DATE MARCH 21, 2003

NAME OF FIRM MILLENNIUM PHARMACEUTICALS

### REASON FOR REQUEST

#### I. GENERAL

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#### II. BIOMETRICS

STATISTICAL EVALUATION BRANCH	STATISTICAL APPLICATION BRANCH
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#### III. BIOPHARMACEUTICS

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#### IV. DRUG EXPERIENCE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PHASE IV SURVEILLANCE/EPIDEMIOLOGY PROTOCOL             | <input type="checkbox"/> REVIEW OF MARKETING EXPERIENCE, DRUG USE AND SAFETY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRUG USE e.g. POPULATION EXPOSURE, ASSOCIATED DIAGNOSES | <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY OF ADVERSE EXPERIENCE                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASE REPORTS OF SPECIFIC REACTIONS (List below)         | <input type="checkbox"/> POISON RISK ANALYSIS                                |
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#### V. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

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☐ PRECLINICAL

#### COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Changes in some of the parameters measured warrant further investigation, such as 300-400% increase in contractility in doses that are clinically relevant.

- 6637- 113: PS- 341: Cardiovascular Effects after Intravenous Administration in Telemetered Cynomolgus Monkeys
- G465502A: Cardiotoxicity of PS-341 (NSC- D681239) in the Monkey (G465502A)
- KLAW- 191: A study to determine the effects of PS- 341 on cardiovascular function after intravenous administration to anesthetized cynomolgus monkeys

This information can be found in \CDSESUB1\N21602\N\_000-2003-01-21; Module 4: Safety Pharmacology, in folder 4213.

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# NDA/EFFICACY SUPPLEMENT ACTION PACKAGE CHECKLIST

## Application Information

NDA 21-602	Efficacy Supplement Type SE-	Supplement Number N-000
Drug: VELCADE (bortezomib) for Injection		Applicant: Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
RPM: Bradleys, Sean K.		HFD-150 Phone # 301-594-5770
Application Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2)		Reference Listed Drug (NDA #, Drug name):
❖ Application Classifications:		
• Review priority		<input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority
• Chem class (NDAs only)		Proteasome Inhibitor
• Other (e.g., orphan, OTC)		Orphan
❖ User Fee Goal Dates		21JUL03
❖ Special programs (indicate all that apply)		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subpart H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 CFR 314.510 (accelerated approval) <input type="checkbox"/> 21 CFR 314.520 (restricted distribution) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling Review
❖ User Fee Information		
• User Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid
• User Fee waiver		<input type="checkbox"/> Small business <input type="checkbox"/> Public health <input type="checkbox"/> Barrier-to-Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Other
• User Fee exception		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orphan designation <input type="checkbox"/> No-fee 505(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
❖ Application Integrity Policy (AIP)		
• Applicant is on the AIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• This application is on the AIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Exception for review (Center Director's memo)		
• OC clearance for approval		
❖ Debarment certification: verified that qualifying language (e.g., willingly, knowingly) was not used in certification and certifications from foreign applicants are co-signed by U.S. agent.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified
❖ Patent		
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• For paragraph IV certification, verify that the applicant notified the patent holder(s) of their certification that the patent(s) is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed (certification of notification and documentation of receipt of notice).		<input type="checkbox"/> Verified
❖ Exclusivity Summary (approvals only)		X
❖ Administrative Reviews (Project Manager, ADRA) (indicate date of each review)		06MAR03

General Information	
❖ Actions	
• Proposed action	(X) AP ( ) TA ( ) AE ( ) NA
• Previous actions (specify type and date for each action taken)	
• Status of advertising (approvals only)	( ) Materials requested in AP letter (X) Reviewed for Subpart H
❖ Public communications	
• Press Office notified of action (approval only)	(X) Yes ( ) Not applicable
• Indicate what types (if any) of information dissemination are anticipated	( ) None (X) Press Release ( ) Talk Paper (X) Dear Health Care Professional Letter
❖ Labeling (package insert, patient package insert (if applicable), MedGuide (if applicable))	
• Division's proposed labeling (only if generated after latest applicant submission of labeling)	X
• Most recent applicant-proposed labeling	X
• Original applicant-proposed labeling	X
• Labeling reviews (including DDMAC, Office of Drug Safety trade name review, nomenclature reviews) and minutes of labeling meetings (indicate dates of reviews and meetings)	24MAR03 12MAY03
• Other relevant labeling (e.g., most recent 3 in class, class labeling)	-----
❖ Labels (immediate container & carton labels)	
• Division proposed (only if generated after latest applicant submission)	-----
• Applicant proposed	X
• Reviews	
❖ Post-marketing commitments	
• Agency request for post-marketing commitments	X
• Documentation of discussions and/or agreements relating to post-marketing commitments	X
❖ Outgoing correspondence (i.e., letters, E-mails, faxes)	X
❖ Memoranda and Telecons	X
❖ Minutes of Meetings	
• EOP2 meeting (indicate date)	04SEP02
• Pre-NDA meeting (indicate date)	02DEC02
• Pre-Approval Safety Conference (indicate date; approvals only)	08MAY03
• Other	-----
❖ Advisory Committee Meeting	
• Date of Meeting	-----
• 48-hour alert	-----
❖ Federal Register Notices, DESI documents, NAS, NRC (if any are applicable)	

**Clinical and Summary Information**

Summary Reviews (e.g., Office Director, Division Director, Medical Team Leader) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Team Leader 13MAY03-Division Director
❖ Clinical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03
❖ Microbiology (efficacy) review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Section VI clinical rev
❖ Safety Update review(s) (indicate date or location if incorporated in another review)	09MAY03-Section VII clinical rev
❖ Pediatric Page(separate page for each indication addressing status of all age groups)	-----
❖ Statistical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Section VI clinical rev
❖ Biopharmaceutical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	12MAY03
❖ Controlled Substance Staff review(s) and recommendation for scheduling (indicate date for each review)	-----
❖ Clinical Inspection Review Summary (DSI)	
• Clinical studies	17APR03
• Bioequivalence studies	-----

**CMC Information**

❖ CMC review(s) (indicate date for each review)	12MAY03-----
❖ Environmental Assessment	
• Categorical Exclusion (indicate review date)	12MAY03
• Review & FONSI (indicate date of review)	12MAY03
• Review & Environmental Impact Statement (indicate date of each review)	12MAY03
❖ Micro (validation of sterilization & product sterility) review(s) (indicate date for each review)	02MAY03
❖ Facilities inspection (provide EER report)	Date completed: 08MAY03 (X) Acceptable ( ) Withhold recommendation
❖ Methods validation	(X) Completed ( ) Requested ( ) Not yet requested

**Nonclinical Pharm/Tox Information**

❖ Pharm/tox review(s), including referenced IND reviews (indicate date for each review)	06MAY03
❖ Nonclinical inspection review summary	-----
❖ Statistical review(s) of carcinogenicity studies (indicate date for each review)	-----
❖ CAC/ECAC report	-----

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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<b>1 APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS</b>  Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 75 Sidney Street Cambridge, MA 02139 USA	<b>4 BLA SUBMISSION TRACKING NUMBER (STN) / NDA NUMBER</b>  NDA Number 21-602  <b>5. DOES THIS APPLICATION REQUIRE CLINICAL DATA FOR APPROVAL?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  IF YOUR RESPONSE IS "NO" AND THIS IS FOR A SUPPLEMENT, STOP HERE AND SIGN THIS FORM.  IF RESPONSE IS "YES", CHECK THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE BELOW. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE REQUIRED CLINICAL DATA ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION. <input type="checkbox"/> THE REQUIRED CLINICAL DATA ARE SUBMITTED BY REFERENCE TO:  _____ (APPLICATION NO. CONTAINING THE DATA).
<b>2 TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)</b>  ( 617 ) 679-7000	
<b>3 PRODUCT NAME</b>  VELCADE™ (bortezomib) for Injection	<b>6. USER FEE I.D. NUMBER</b>  4489

<b>7 IS THIS APPLICATION COVERED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING USER FEE EXCLUSIONS? IF SO, CHECK THE APPLICABLE EXCLUSION</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> A LARGE VOLUME PARENTERAL DRUG PRODUCT APPROVED UNDER SECTION 505 OF THE FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT BEFORE 9/1/92 (Self Explanatory)	<input type="checkbox"/> A 505(b)(2) APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A FEE (See item 7, reverse side before checking box)
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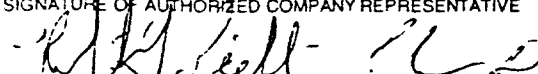
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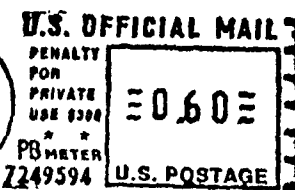


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Application Information		
NDA 21-602	Efficacy Supplement Type SE-	Supplement Number N-000
Drug: VELCADE (bortezomib) for Injection		Applicant: Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
RPM: Bradleys, Sean K.	HFD-150	Phone # 301-594-5770
Application Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2)		Reference Listed Drug (NDA #, Drug name):
❖ Application Classifications:		
• Review priority		<input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority
• Chem class (NDAs only)		Proteasome Inhibitor
• Other (e.g., orphan, OTC)		Orphan
❖ User Fee Goal Dates		21JUL03
❖ Special programs (indicate all that apply)		<input type="checkbox"/> None <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subpart H <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 CFR 314.510 (accelerated approval) <input type="checkbox"/> 21 CFR 314.520 (restricted distribution) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling Review
❖ User Fee Information		
• User Fee		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid
• User Fee waiver		<input type="checkbox"/> Small business <input type="checkbox"/> Public health <input type="checkbox"/> Barrier-to-Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Other
• User Fee exception		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orphan designation <input type="checkbox"/> No-fee 505(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
❖ Application Integrity Policy (AIP)		
• Applicant is on the AIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• This application is on the AIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Exception for review (Center Director's memo)		
• OC clearance for approval		
❖ Debarment certification: verified that qualifying language (e.g., willingly, knowingly) was not used in certification and certifications from foreign applicants are co-signed by U.S. agent.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified
❖ Patent		
• Information: Verify that patent information was submitted		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verified
• Patent certification [505(b)(2) applications]: Verify type of certifications submitted		21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV  21 CFR 314.50(i)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> (ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (iii)
• For paragraph IV certification, verify that the applicant notified the patent holder(s) of their certification that the patent(s) is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed (certification of notification and documentation of receipt of notice).		<input type="checkbox"/> Verified
❖ Exclusivity Summary (approvals only)		X
❖ Administrative Reviews (Project Manager, ADRA) (indicate date of each review)		06MAR03

## General Information

<b>Actions</b>	
• Proposed action	(X) AP ( ) TA ( ) AE ( ) NA
• Previous actions (specify type and date for each action taken)	
• Status of advertising (approvals only)	( ) Materials requested in AP letter (X) Reviewed for Subpart H
❖ Public communications	
• Press Office notified of action (approval only)	(X) Yes ( ) Not applicable
• Indicate what types (if any) of information dissemination are anticipated	( ) None (X) Press Release ( ) Talk Paper (X) Dear Health Care Professional Letter
❖ Labeling (package insert, patient package insert (if applicable), MedGuide (if applicable))	
• Division's proposed labeling (only if generated after latest applicant submission of labeling)	X
• Most recent applicant-proposed labeling	X
• Original applicant-proposed labeling	X
• Labeling reviews (including DDMAC, Office of Drug Safety trade name review, nomenclature reviews) and minutes of labeling meetings (indicate dates of reviews and meetings)	X
• Other relevant labeling (e.g., most recent 3 in class, class labeling)	-----
❖ Labels (immediate container & carton labels)	
• Division proposed (only if generated after latest applicant submission)	-----
• Applicant proposed	X
• Reviews	
❖ Post-marketing commitments	
• Agency request for post-marketing commitments	X
• Documentation of discussions and/or agreements relating to post-marketing commitments	X
❖ Outgoing correspondence (i.e., letters, E-mails, faxes)	X
❖ Memoranda and Telecons	X
❖ Minutes of Meetings	
• EOP2 meeting (indicate date)	04SEP02
• Pre-NDA meeting (indicate date)	02DEC02
• Pre-Approval Safety Conference (indicate date; approvals only)	08MAY03
• Other	-----
❖ Advisory Committee Meeting	
• Date of Meeting	-----
• 48-hour alert	-----
❖ Federal Register Notices, DESI documents, NAS, NRC (if any are applicable)	

Clinical and Summary Information	
Summary Reviews (e.g., Office Director, Division Director, Medical Team Leader) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Team Leader
❖ Clinical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03
❖ Microbiology (efficacy) review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Section VI clinical rev
❖ Safety Update review(s) (indicate date or location if incorporated in another review)	09MAY03-Section VII clinical rev
❖ Pediatric Page(separate page for each indication addressing status of all age groups)	-----
❖ Statistical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	09MAY03-Section VI clinical rev
❖ Biopharmaceutical review(s) (indicate date for each review)	12MAY03
❖ Controlled Substance Staff review(s) and recommendation for scheduling (indicate date for each review)	-----
❖ Clinical Inspection Review Summary (DSI)	
• Clinical studies--	17APR03
• Bioequivalence studies	-----
CMC Information	
❖ CMC review(s) (indicate date for each review)	Pending-----
❖ Environmental Assessment	
• Categorical Exclusion (indicate review date)	
• Review & FONSI (indicate date of review)	
• Review & Environmental Impact Statement (indicate date of each review)	
❖ Micro (validation of sterilization & product sterility) review(s) (indicate date for each review)	02MAY03
❖ Facilities inspection (provide EER report)	Date completed: 08MAY03 (X) Acceptable ( ) Withhold recommendation
❖ Methods validation	(X) Completed ( ) Requested ( ) Not yet requested
Nonclinical Pharm/Tox Information	
❖ Pharm/tox review(s), including referenced IND reviews (indicate date for each review)	06MAY03
❖ Nonclinical inspection review summary	-----
❖ Statistical review(s) of carcinogenicity studies (indicate date for each review)	-----
❖ CAC/ECAC report	-----

EXCLUSIVITY SUMMARY for NDA # 21-602

Trade Name VELCADE Generic Name bortezomib

Applicant Name Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. HFD- 150

Approval Date 13MAY03

PART I: IS AN EXCLUSIVITY DETERMINATION NEEDED?

1. An exclusivity determination will be made for all original applications, but only for certain supplements. Complete Parts II and III of this Exclusivity Summary only if you answer "YES" to one or more of the following questions about the submission.

a) Is it an original NDA? YES / X / NO / \_\_\_ /

b) Is it an effectiveness supplement? YES / \_\_\_ / NO / \_\_\_ /

If yes, what type (SE1, SE2, etc.)?

c) Did it require the review of clinical data other than to support a safety claim or change in labeling related to safety? (If it required review only of bioavailability or bioequivalence data, answer "NO.")

YES / X / NO / \_\_\_ /

If your answer is "no" because you believe the study is a bioavailability study and, therefore, not eligible for exclusivity, EXPLAIN why it is a bioavailability study, including your reasons for disagreeing with any arguments made by the applicant that the study was not simply a bioavailability study.

If it is a supplement requiring the review of clinical data but it is not an effectiveness supplement, describe the change or claim that is supported by the clinical data:

d) Did the applicant request exclusivity?

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

If the answer to (d) is "yes," how many years of exclusivity did the applicant request?

e) Has pediatric exclusivity been granted for this Active Moiety?

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON Page 9.

2. Has a product with the same active ingredient(s), dosage form, strength, route of administration, and dosing schedule previously been approved by FDA for the same use? (Rx to OTC Switches should be answered No - Please indicate as such).

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

If yes, NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Drug Name

IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 2 IS "YES," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON Page 9.

3. Is this drug product or indication a DESI upgrade?

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 3 IS "YES," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON Page 9 (even if a study was required for the upgrade).

**PART II: FIVE-YEAR EXCLUSIVITY FOR NEW CHEMICAL ENTITIES**

(Answer either #1 or #2, as appropriate)

1. Single active ingredient product.

Has FDA previously approved under section 505 of the Act any drug product containing the same active moiety as the drug under consideration? Answer "yes" if the active moiety (including other esterified forms, salts, complexes, chelates or clathrates) has been previously approved, but this particular form of the active moiety, e.g., this particular ester or salt (including salts with hydrogen or coordination bonding) or other non-covalent derivative (such as a complex, chelate, or clathrate) has not been approved. Answer "no" if the compound requires metabolic conversion (other than deesterification of an esterified form of the drug) to produce an already approved active moiety.

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

If "yes," identify the approved drug product(s) containing the active moiety, and, if known, the NDA #(s).

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2. Combination product.

If the product contains more than one active moiety (as defined in Part II, #1), has FDA previously approved an application under section 505 containing any one of the active moieties in the drug product? If, for example, the combination contains one never-before-approved active moiety and one previously approved active moiety, answer "yes." (An active moiety that is marketed under an OTC monograph, but that was never approved under an NDA, is considered not previously approved.)

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

If "yes," identify the approved drug product(s) containing the active moiety, and, if known, the NDA #(s).

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IF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION 1 OR 2 UNDER PART II IS "NO," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON Page 9. IF "YES," GO TO PART III.

**PART III: THREE-YEAR EXCLUSIVITY FOR NDA'S AND SUPPLEMENTS**

To qualify for three years of exclusivity, an application or supplement must contain "reports of new clinical investigations (other than bioavailability studies) essential to the approval of the application and conducted or sponsored by the applicant." This section should be completed only if the answer to PART II, Question 1 or 2, was "yes."

1. Does the application contain reports of clinical investigations? (The Agency interprets "clinical investigations" to mean investigations conducted on humans other than bioavailability studies.) If the application contains clinical investigations only by virtue of a right of reference to clinical investigations in another application, answer "yes," then skip to question 3(a). If the answer to 3(a) is "yes" for any investigation referred to in another application, do not complete remainder of summary for that investigation.

YES / ☒ / NO / ☐ /

IF "NO," GO DIRECTLY TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS ON Page 9.

2. A clinical investigation is "essential to the approval" if the Agency could not have approved the application or supplement without relying on that investigation. Thus, the investigation is not essential to the approval if-1) no clinical investigation is necessary to support the supplement or application in light of previously approved applications (i.e., information other than clinical trials, such as bioavailability data, would be sufficient to provide a basis



for approval as an ANDA or 505(b)(2) application because of what is already known about a previously approved product), or 2) there are published reports of studies (other than those conducted or sponsored by the applicant) or other publicly available data that independently would have been sufficient to support approval of the application, without reference to the clinical investigation submitted in the application.

For the purposes of this section, studies comparing two products with the same ingredient(s) are considered to be bioavailability studies.

- (a) In light of previously approved applications, is a clinical investigation (either conducted by the applicant or available from some other source, including the published literature) necessary to support approval of the application or supplement?

YES /X/ NO /\_\_\_/

If "no," state the basis for your conclusion that a clinical trial is not necessary for approval **AND GO DIRECTLY TO SIGNATURE BLOCK ON Page 9:**

- (b) Did the applicant submit a list of published studies relevant to the safety and effectiveness of this drug product and a statement that the publicly available data would not independently support approval of the application?

YES /X/ NO /\_\_\_/

- (1) If the answer to 2(b) is "yes," do you personally know of any reason to disagree with the applicant's conclusion? If not applicable, answer NO.

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /X/

If yes, explain:

(2) If the answer to 2(b) is "no," are you aware of published studies not conducted or sponsored by the applicant or other publicly available data that could independently demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of this drug product?

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_\_\_/

If yes, explain:

(c) If the answers to (b)(1) and (b)(2) were both "no," identify the clinical investigations submitted in the application that are essential to the approval:

Investigation #1, Study # \_\_\_\_\_

Investigation #2, Study # \_\_\_\_\_

Investigation #3, Study # \_\_\_\_\_

3. In addition to being essential, investigations must be "new" to support exclusivity. The agency interprets "new clinical investigation" to mean an investigation that 1) has not been relied on by the agency to demonstrate the effectiveness of a previously approved drug for any indication and 2) does not duplicate the results of another investigation that was relied on by the agency to demonstrate the effectiveness of a previously approved drug product, i.e., does not redemonstrate something the agency considers to have been demonstrated in an already approved application.

(a) For each investigation identified as "essential to the approval," has the investigation been relied on by the agency to demonstrate the effectiveness of a previously approved drug product? (If the investigation was relied on only to support the safety of a previously approved drug, answer "no.")

Investigation #1 YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

Investigation #2 YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

Investigation #3 YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_X\_/

If you have answered "yes" for one or more investigations, identify each such investigation and the NDA in which each was relied upon:

NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #  
NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #  
NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #

- (b) For each investigation identified as "essential" to the approval, does the investigation duplicate the results of another investigation that was relied on by the agency to support the effectiveness of a previously approved drug product?

Investigation #1                      YES /\_\_\_/                      NO /\_X\_/

Investigation #2                      YES /\_\_\_/                      NO /\_X\_/

Investigation #3                      YES /\_\_\_/                      NO /\_X\_/

If you have answered "yes" for one or more investigations, identify the NDA in which a similar investigation was relied on:

NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #  
NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #  
NDA # \_\_\_\_\_ Study #

- (c) If the answers to 3(a) and 3(b) are no, identify each "new" investigation in the application or supplement that is essential to the approval (i.e., the investigations listed in #2(c), less any that are not "new"):

Investigation #\_\_, Study # M34100-024

Investigation #\_\_, Study # M34100-025

Investigation #\_\_, Study # LCCC 9834/00-31

4. To be eligible for exclusivity, a new investigation that is essential to approval must also have been conducted or sponsored by the applicant. An investigation was "conducted or sponsored by" the applicant if, before or during the conduct of the investigation, 1) the applicant was the sponsor of the IND named in the form FDA 1571 filed with the Agency, or 2) the applicant (or its predecessor in interest) provided substantial support for the study. Ordinarily, substantial support will mean providing 50 percent or more of the cost of the study.

- (a) For each investigation identified in response to question 3(c): if the investigation was carried out under an IND, was the applicant identified on the FDA 1571 as the sponsor?

Investigation #1	!	
IND <u>      </u> YES /_X_/	!	NO /___/ Explain:
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	!	
	!	
Investigation #2	!	
IND # <u>      </u> YES /_X_/	!	NO /___/ Explain:
	!	
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	!	
Investigation #2	!	
IND # <u>      </u> YES /_X_/	!	NO /___/ Explain:
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- (b) For each investigation not carried out under an IND or for which the applicant was not identified as the sponsor, did the applicant certify that it or the applicant's predecessor in interest provided substantial support for the study?

Investigation #1	!	
YES /___/ Explain _____	!	NO /___/ Explain _____
_____	!	_____
_____	!	_____

Investigation #2

YES /\_\_\_/ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

NO /\_X\_/ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Notwithstanding an answer of "yes" to (a) or (b), are there other reasons to believe that the applicant should not be credited with having "conducted or sponsored" the study? (Purchased studies may not be used as the basis for exclusivity. However, if all rights to the drug are purchased (not just studies on the drug), the applicant may be considered to have sponsored or conducted the studies sponsored or conducted by its predecessor in interest.)

YES /\_\_\_/ NO /\_\_\_/

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Preparer  
Title: Regulatory Health Project Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Office or Division Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**NDA REGULATORY FILING REVIEW**  
(Includes Filing Meeting Minutes)

NDA Number: **21-602**

Requested Trade Name: **VELCADE™ for Injection**

Generic Name and Strengths: **bortezomib/3.5 mg**

Applicant: **Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Date of Application: **January 21, 2003**

Date of Receipt: **January 24, 2003**

Date of Filing Meeting: **March 5, 2003**

Filing Date: **March 22, 2003**

Indication(s) requested: **Treatment of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma**

Type of Application: Full NDA **X** Supplement           

(b)(1) **X** (b)(2)           

[If the Original NDA of the supplement was a (b)(2), all subsequent supplements are (b)(2)s; if the Original NDA was a (b)(1), the supplement can be either a (b)(1) or (b)(2)]

If you believe the application is a 505(b)(2) application, see the 505(b)(2) requirements at the end of this summary.

Therapeutic Classification: S            P **X**

Resubmission after a withdrawal or refuse to file           

Chemical Classification: (1,2,3 etc.) **1P**

Other (orphan, OTC, etc.) **ORPHAN**

Has orphan drug exclusivity been granted to another drug for the same indication? **NO**

If yes, is the drug considered to be the same drug according to the orphan drug definition of sameness [21 CFR 316.3(b)(13)]?

**YES**

**NO**

If the application is affected by the application integrity policy (AIP), explain.

User Fee Status: Paid            Waived (e.g., small business, public health)           

Exempt (orphan, government) **ORPHAN**

Form 3397 (User Fee Cover Sheet) submitted: **YES**

User Fee ID# **4489**

Clinical data? YES **X** NO            Referenced to NDA#           

Date clock started after UN           

User Fee Goal date: **JULY 21, 2003**

Action Goal Date (optional)           

• Does the submission contain an accurate comprehensive index? **YES**

- Form 356h included with authorized signature? **YES**
- If foreign applicant, the U.S. Agent must countersign.

Submission complete as required under 21 CFR 314.50? **YES**

- If electronic NDA, does it follow the Guidance? **YES**  
If an electronic NDA: all certifications must be in paper and require a signature.

- If Common Technical Document, does it follow the guidance? **YES**

- Patent information included with authorized signature? **YES**

- Exclusivity requested? **YES; If yes, \_\_\_\_\_ years**  
Note: An applicant can receive exclusivity without requesting it, therefore, requesting exclusivity is not a requirement.

- Correctly worded Debarment Certification included with authorized signature? **YES**  
If foreign applicant, the U.S. Agent must countersign.

Debarment Certification must have correct wording, e.g.: "I, the undersigned, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Co. did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under section 306 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in connection with the studies listed in Appendix \_\_\_\_." Applicant may not use wording such as, "To the best of my knowledge, ...."

- Financial Disclosure included with authorized signature? **YES**  
(Forms 3454 and/or 3455)  
If foreign applicant, the U.S. Agent must countersign.

- Has the applicant complied with the Pediatric Rule for all ages and indications? **YES**  
If no, for what ages and/or indications was a waiver and/or deferral requested:

- Field Copy Certification (that it is a true copy of the CMC technical section)? **YES**

**Refer to 21 CFR 314.101(d) for Filing Requirements**

PDUFA and Action Goal dates correct in COMIS? **YES**  
If not, have the document room staff correct them immediately. These are the dates EES uses for calculating inspection dates.

Drug name/Applicant name correct in COMIS? **YES**

List referenced IND numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

End-of-Phase 2 Meeting?  
If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting.

Date: **September 4, 2002**

Pre-NDA Meeting(s)?  
If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting.

Date: **December 2, 2002**



**Project Management**

Copy of the labeling (PI) sent to DDMAC?	YES
Trade name (include labeling and labels) consulted to ODS/Div. of Medication Errors and Technical Support?	YES
MedGuide and/or PPI consulted to ODS/Div. of Surveillance, Research and Communication Support?	NA
OTC label comprehension studies, PI & PPI consulted to ODS/ Div. of Surveillance, Research and Communication Support?	NA
Advisory Committee Meeting needed?	NO

**Clinical**

- If a controlled substance, has a consult been sent to the Controlled Substance Staff?  
NO

**Chemistry**

- |   |     |    |
|---|-----|----|
| • Did sponsor request categorical exclusion for environmental assessment? | YES |    |
| If no, did sponsor submit a complete environmental assessment?            | YES | NO |
| If EA submitted, consulted to Nancy Sager (HFD-357)?                      | YES | NO |
| • Establishment Evaluation Request (EER) package submitted?               | YES | NO |
| • Parenteral Applications Consulted to Sterile Products (HFD-805)?        | NO  |    |

**If 505(b)(2), complete the following:**

Describe the change from the listed drug(s) provided for in this (b)(2) application (for example, "This application provides for a new indication, otitis media" or "This application provides for a change in dosage form, from capsules to solution").

Name of listed drug(s) and NDA/ANDA #:

Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug and eligible for approval under section 505(j)?  
(Normally, FDA will refuse-to-file such applications.)

YES                      NO

Is the extent to which the active ingredient(s) is absorbed or otherwise made available to the site of action less than that of the reference listed drug (RLD)?

If yes, the application must be refused for filing under 314.54(b)(1)                      YES                      NO

Is the rate at which the product's active ingredient(s) is absorbed or otherwise made available to the site of action unintentionally less than that of the RLD?

YES                      NO

If yes, the application must be refused for filing under 314.54(b)(2)

Which of the following patent certifications does the application contain? Note that a patent certification must contain an authorized signature.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(1): The patent information has not been submitted to FDA.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(2): The patent has expired.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(3): The date on which the patent will expire.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4): The patent is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale of the drug product for which the application is submitted.

*If filed, and if the applicant made a "Paragraph IV" certification [21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4)], the applicant must submit a signed certification that the patent holder was notified the NDA was filed [21 CFR 314.52(b)]. Subsequently, the applicant must submit documentation that the patent holder(s) received the notification ([21 CFR 314.52(e)].*

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(ii): No relevant patents.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(iii): Information that is submitted under section 505(b) or (c) of the act and 21 CFR 314.53 is for a method of use patent, and the labeling for the drug product for which the applicant is seeking approval does not include any indications that are covered by the use patent.

\_\_\_\_ 21 CFR 314.54(a)(1)(iv): The applicant is seeking approval only for a new indication and not for the indication(s) approved for the listed drug(s) on which the applicant relies.

Did the applicant:

- Identify which parts of the application rely on information the applicant does not own or to which the applicant does not have a right of reference?

YES NO

- Submit a statement as to whether the listed drug(s) identified has received a period of marketing exclusivity?

YES NO

- Submit a bioavailability/bioequivalence (BA/BE) study comparing the proposed product to the listed drug?

YES NO

Has the Director, Div. of Regulatory Policy II, HFD-007, been notified of the existence of the (b)(2) application?

YES NO

ATTACHMENT

MEMO OF FILING MEETING

DATE: March 6, 2003

BACKGROUND:

VELCADE™ (bortezomib) for Injection, formerly known as PS-341, is developed by Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., as a potent and reversible proteasome inhibitor. It is a novel cytotoxic chemical entity which acts as a potent, selective and reversible inhibitory of the 26S proteasome. VELCADE™ studies have been under the review of the Division of Oncology Drug Products under IND.

ATTENDEES:

Richard Pazdur, M.D.	Division Director
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<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Reviewer</u>
Medical:	Peter Bross, MD
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Microbiology, sterility:	Bryan Riley, PhD
DSI:	Khin U, PhD
Project Manager:	Sean Bradley, RPh
Consultants:	
DDMAC Consultant:	Joseph Grillo, Pharm.D.
DDMAC Consultant:	Catherine Miller, Pharm. D.
ODAC Consultant:	Chatchada Karanes, MD
ODAC Consultant:	Harvey Katsen, MD
ODAC Consultant (pending):	Donna Przepiorka, M.D.
Patient Consultant (pending):	Michael Katz

Per reviewers, all parts in English, or English translation?

YES ☒ NO ☐

CLINICAL –

File ☒

Refuse to file ☐

• Clinical site inspection needed:

YES ☒

NO ☐

MICROBIOLOGY CLINICAL –

File ☒

Refuse to file ☐

STATISTICAL –

File ☒

Refuse to file ☐

BIOPHARMACEUTICS –

File ☒

Refuse to file ☐

• Biopharm. inspection Needed:

YES ☐

NO ☒

PHARMACOLOGY –

File ☒

Refuse to file ☐

CHEMISTRY –

• Establishment(s) ready for inspection?

YES ☒ NO ☐

File ☒ Refuse to file ☐

#### REGULATORY CONCLUSIONS/DEFICIENCIES:

☒ The application, on its face, appears to be well organized and indexed. The application appears to be suitable for filing.

☐ The application is unsuitable for filing. Explain why:

Sean K. Bradley, R.Ph.

Regulatory Project Manager, HFD-150

## FILING MEETING

NDA# 21-602

Date: March 5, 2003

Date Received: January 21, 2003

PDUFA Due Date: July 21, 2003

Drug Name: VELCADE (bortezomib) for Injection

Sponsor: Millennium Pharmaceuticals

Proposed Indication: Treatment of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma

Attendees:

Clinical:	Bross/Kane/Farrell
Pharm/Tox:	Rosario/McGuinn/Morse
Biopharmaceutical:	Abraham

### Discussion Points

#### 1. Clinical (Bross/Kane/Farrell)

- ◆ 202 patients to review
- ◆ there is no available bridging data set

#### 2. Statistical (Wang/Chen)

No filing issues

#### 3. Pharmacology/Toxicology

Review assignments:

General Pharm., Mech. of Action, Lit. regarding prion disease -  
Safety Pharmacology -  
Pharmacokinetics, Toxicokinetics and ADME -  
Genotoxicity -  
General Toxicology -  
Reproductive Toxicology -  
Integrated Summary and Final Label -

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- ◆ There is a possible relationship between the neurotoxicity and the cardiotoxicity. There is no "wash-out" period after the drug has been stopped.
- ◆ We will have Phase 4 comments for the sponsor available at sign-off.

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE**  
**DIVISION OF MEDICATION ERRORS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT**  
**OFFICE OF DRUG SAFETY**  
**(DMETS: HFD-420)**

**DATE RECEIVED:** 1/29/03

**DUE DATE:** 5/9/03

**ODS CONSULT #:** 03-0036

**TO:**

Richard Pazdur, M.D.  
Director, Division of Oncology Drug Products  
HFD-150

**THROUGH:**

Sean Bradley  
Project Manager, Division of Oncology Drug Products  
HFD-150

**PRODUCT NAME:**

Velcade (Bortezomib for Injection)  
3.5 mg

**NDA SPONSOR:** Millennium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

**NDA #:** 21-602

**SAFETY EVALUATOR:** Jennifer Fan, Pharm.D.

**SUMMARY:** In response to a consult from the Division of Oncology Drug Products (HFD-150), the Division of Medication Errors and Technical Support (DMETS) conducted a review of the proposed proprietary name, Velcade, to determine the potential for confusion with approved proprietary and established names as well as pending names.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. DMETS has no objection to the use of the proprietary name, Velcade. This name must be re-evaluated approximately 90 days prior to the expected approval of the NDA. A re-review of the name prior to NDA approval will rule out any objections based upon approvals of other proprietary and established names from the signature date of this document.
2. DMETS recommends implementation of the labeling revisions outlined in section III of this review to minimize potential errors with the use of this product.
3. DDMAC finds the proprietary name, Velcade, acceptable from a promotional perspective.

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PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW

DATE OF REVIEW: May 5, 2003  
NDA NUMBER: 21-602  
NAME OF DRUG: Velcade (Bortezomib for Injection) 3.5 mg  
NDA HOLDER: Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**I. INTRODUCTION:**

This consult was written in response to a request from the Division of Oncology Drug Products (HFD-150) for assessment of the tradename, Velcade, regarding potential name confusion with other proprietary and established drug names. Container label and carton labeling were also submitted by the sponsor and reviewed by DMETS.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Velcade is the proprietary name for bortezomib. It is a proteasome inhibitor and is indicated for the treatment of relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma. The most commonly reported adverse events were nausea, fatigue, diarrhea, constipation, thrombocytopenia, pyrexia, vomiting, anorexia, peripheral neuropathy (including aggravated), and peripheral sensory neuropathy. The recommended dose of Velcade is 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/dose administered as a bolus intravenous injection twice weekly for two weeks. It is administered on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 followed by a 10-day rest period on days 12 through 21. Velcade is available for intravenous injection as a sterile lyophilized powder in single-dose vials containing 3.5 mg of the active ingredient as well as 35 mg of mannitol as an inactive ingredient. Velcade must be reconstituted with 3.5 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride injection, USP.

**II. RISK ASSESSMENT:**

The medication error staff of DMETS conducted a search of several standard published drug product reference texts<sup>1,2</sup> as well as several FDA databases<sup>3</sup> for existing drug names which sound alike or look alike to Velcade to a degree where potential confusion between drug names could occur under the usual clinical practice settings. A search of the electronic online version of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Text and Image Database<sup>4</sup> and the data provided by Thomson & Thomson's

<sup>1</sup> MICROMEDEX Integrated Index, 2003, MICROMEDEX, Inc., 6200 South Syracuse Way, Suite 300, Englewood, Colorado 80111-4740, which includes all products/databases within ChemKnowledge, DrugKnowledge, and RegsKnowledge Systems.

<sup>2</sup> Facts and Comparisons, online version, Facts and Comparisons, St. Louis, MO.

<sup>3</sup> AMF Decision Support System [DSS], the Division of Medication Errors and Technical Support proprietary name consultation requests, New Drug Approvals 98-03, and the electronic online version of the FDA Orange Book.

<sup>4</sup> WWW location <http://www.uspto.gov>.

SAEGIS™ Online Service<sup>5</sup> were also conducted. An expert panel discussion was conducted to review all findings from the searches. In addition, DMETS conducted three prescription analysis studies consisting of two written prescription studies (inpatient and outpatient) and one verbal prescription study, involving health care practitioners within FDA. This exercise was conducted to simulate the prescription ordering process in order to evaluate potential errors in handwriting and verbal communication of the name.

#### A. EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION

An Expert Panel discussion was held by DMETS to gather professional opinions on the safety of the proprietary name, Velcade. Potential concerns regarding drug marketing and promotion related to the proposed name were also discussed. This group is composed of DMETS Medication Errors Prevention Staff and representation from the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC). The group relies on their clinical and other professional experiences and a number of standard references when making a decision on the acceptability of a proprietary name.

1. The Expert Panel had sound and look-alike concerns with Veltane (Brompheniramine Maleate). This product is listed in Table 1 (see below), along with the dosage forms available and usual dosage. However, since Veltane is no longer marketed, it will not be discussed in the review.
2. DDMAC finds the proprietary name, Velcade, acceptable from a promotional perspective.
3. Through independent review, DMETS also identified Alcaine as having sound-alike qualities to Velcade. This product is listed in Table 1 (see below).

Table 1

Product Name	Dosage form(s), Generic name	Usual adult dose*	Other**
Velcade	Bortezomib (Rx)  Injection: 3.5 mg	1.3 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /dose administered as a bolus intravenous injection twice weekly for two weeks on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 followed by a 10- day rest period on days 12 through 21.	
Veltane	Brompheniramine Maleate (Rx)  No longer marketed in the U.S.	N/A	SA/LA
Alcaine	(Proparacaine Hydrochloride) (Rx)  Solution/Drops (Ophthalmic): 0.5%	<u>Deep anesthesia</u> Instill 1 drop every 5 to 10 minutes for 5 to 7 doses <u>Removal of sutures,</u> <u>foreign bodies</u> Instill 1 or 2 drops 2 or 3 minutes before removal. <u>Tonometry</u> Instill 1 or 2 drops immediately before	SA

<sup>5</sup> Data provided by Thomson & Thomson's SAEGIS(tm) Online Service, available at [www.thomson-thomson.com](http://www.thomson-thomson.com).

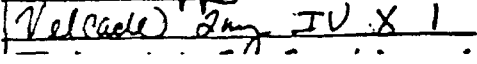


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*Frequently used, not all-inclusive. **SA (sound-alike), LA (look-alike)			

## B. PRESCRIPTION ANALYSIS STUDIES

### 1. Methodology:

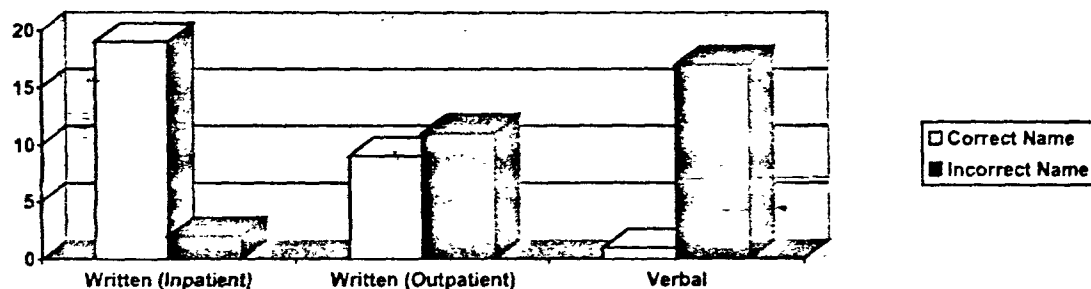
Three separate studies were conducted within FDA for the proposed proprietary name to determine the degree of confusion of Velcade with other U.S. drug names due to similarity in visual appearance with handwritten prescriptions or verbal pronunciation of the drug name. These studies employed a total of 104 health care professionals (pharmacists, physicians, and nurses). This exercise was conducted in an attempt to simulate the prescription ordering process. An inpatient order and outpatient prescriptions were written, each consisting of a combination of marketed and unapproved drug products and a prescription for Velcade (see below). These prescriptions were optically scanned and one prescription was delivered to a random sample of the participating health professionals via e-mail. In addition, the outpatient orders were recorded on voice mail. The voice mail messages were then sent to a random sample of the participating health professionals for their interpretations and review. After receiving either the written or verbal prescription orders, the participants sent their interpretations of the orders via e-mail to the medication error staff.

HANDWRITTEN PRESCRIPTIONS	VERBAL PRESCRIPTION
<p>Inpatient Rx:</p>  <p>Outpatient Rx:</p> <p>Velcade</p> <p>Sig: 2mg IV as directed x 1 today</p> <p>#1</p>	<p>Outpatient Rx:</p> <p>Velcade 2 mg IV as directed times one today #1.</p>

## 2. Results:

*Results of these exercises are summarized below:*

Study	# of Participants	# of Responses (%)	Correctly Interpreted "Velcade"	Incorrectly Interpreted
Written Inpatient	31	21 (68%)	19 (90%)	2 (10%)
Written Outpatient	39	20 (51%)	9 (45%)	11 (55%)
Verbal: Outpatient	34	18 (53%)	1 (6%)	17 (94%)
Total	104	59 (57%)	29 (49%)	30 (51%)



Among the written inpatient prescriptions, 2 (10%) out of 21 respondents interpreted Velcade incorrectly. Misinterpretations included \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%) and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%). None of the respondents interpreted Velcade as an existing U.S. marketed drug product.

Among the written outpatient prescriptions, 11 (55%) out of 20 respondents interpreted \_\_\_\_\_ incorrectly. Misinterpretations included \_\_\_\_\_ (9 respondents, 45%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%). None of the respondents interpreted Velcade as an existing U.S. marketed drug product.

Among the verbal outpatient prescriptions, 17 (94%) out of 18 respondents interpreted Velcade incorrectly. Misinterpretations included \_\_\_\_\_ (2 respondents, 11%), \_\_\_\_\_ 2 respondents, 11%), \_\_\_\_\_ (2 respondents, 11%), \_\_\_\_\_ (2 respondents, 11%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ 1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ 1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ 1 respondent, 5%), \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%), and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 respondent, 5%). None of the respondents interpreted Velcade as an existing U.S. marketed drug product.

### C. SAFETY EVALUATOR RISK ASSESSMENT

In reviewing the proprietary name Velcade, the primary concern raised was related to the sound-alike, look-alike name Alcaine, that already exists in the U.S. marketplace.

DMETS conducted prescription studies to simulate the prescription ordering process. In this case, there was no confirmation that Velcade can be confused with other U.S. marketed drug products. The interpretations from the verbal and written prescription studies were phonetic/misspelled variations of the drug name, Velcade. However, a negative finding does not discount the potential for name confusion given the limited predictive value of these studies, primarily due to the sample size.

Velcade sounds similar to Alcaine. Alcaine contains 0.5% proparacaine hydrochloride and is used as an ophthalmic local anesthetic. The "elcade" portion of Velcade sounds similar to Alcaine. The "v" sound in Velcade may distinguish it from Alcaine; however, in the verbal portion of the studies conducted by DMETS, four respondents (22%) interpreted Velcade as Alkaid, Alcade, and Alcaid, which are similar in sound to Alcaine. Two other respondents interpreted Velcade as Elkaid, where the "v" in Velcade was not heard. Even though Velcade and Alcaine may sound similar and are only available in one strength, these drug products differ in dosage form (lyophilized powder that needs to be reconstituted vs. ophthalmic solution), route of administration (parenteral vs. ophthalmic), expression of strength (mg vs. %), and directions of use (twice weekly on days 1, 4, 8, and 11 vs. 1 drop every 5 to 10 minutes or 1 or 2 drops before procedure). Even though Alcaine can be dispensed in an outpatient as well as an inpatient setting, the environment of where these two drug products are administered in is quite different (oncology clinic vs. eye clinic or a physician's office). A physician would immediately realize if he or she received the wrong drug product since one product must be reconstituted and injected while the other one is in a dropper container for the eye. These differences would decrease the risk of a potential medication error occurring between these two drug products.

### III. LABELING, PACKAGING, AND SAFETY RELATED ISSUES:

In the review of the draft container labels, carton labeling, and the package insert of Velcade, DMETS has focused on safety issues relating to possible medication errors, and has identified the following areas of possible improvement, which might minimize potential user error.

#### A. CONTAINER LABEL (3.5 mg)

1. The "3.5 mg" which appears directly under the NDC number should be deleted.
2. If space permits, directions for reconstitution of the drug product should appear on the label.
3. The total volume and final concentration after reconstitution should also appear on the label.
4. The statement "for injection" should appear in the same font size as the established name.
5. The statement "(bortezomib) for injection" should be revised to state "(bortezomib for injection)".



4. Under the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section, third paragraph, the ~~—~~ abbreviation should not be used. The abbreviated term should be written out.
5. Under the Dose Modification and Reinitiation of Therapy section, terminal zeros should be deleted in the statement "~~\_\_\_\_\_~~".  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The terminal zero should also be deleted in the statement contained in Table 9, "~~\_\_\_\_\_~~". Revise throughout the text of the insert.
6. Under the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Concomitant Medications, the statement  
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7. Under the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Reconstitution/Preparation for Intravenous Administration, the statement "~~\_\_\_\_\_~~" should be revised to state "~~\_\_\_\_\_~~".
8. Under the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Stability, the phrase "~~\_\_\_\_\_~~" should be bolded.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. DMETS has no objections to the use of the proprietary name, Velcade.

This is considered a tentative decision and the firm should be notified that this name with its associated labels and labeling must be re-evaluated approximately 90 days prior to the expected approval of the NDA. A re-review of the name prior to NDA approval will rule out any objections based upon approvals of other proprietary and established names from this date forward.

- B. DDMAC finds the proprietary name, Velcade, acceptable from a promotional perspective.

- C. DMETS recommends the above labeling revisions that might lead to safer use of the product. We would be willing to revisit these issues if the Division receives another draft of the labeling from the manufacturer.

DMETS would appreciate feedback of the final outcome of this consult. We would be willing to meet with the Division for further discussion, if needed. If you have further questions or need clarifications, please contact Sammie Beam, Project Manager, at 301-827-3242.

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## REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION

TO: HFD-420/ODS/PROPRIETARY NAME CONSULTS

FROM: HFD-150/SBRADLEY

DATE N03	IND NO.	NDA NO. 21-602	TYPE OF DOCUMENT NEW NDA	DATE OF DOCUMENT 21 JAN 03
NAME OF DRUG VELCADE (bortezomib) for INJECTION		PRIORITY CONSIDERATION RUSH	CLASSIFICATION OF DRUG PROTEASOME INHIBITOR	DESIRED COMPLETION DATE MID-MARCH 2003

NAME OF FIRM: MILLENNIUM PHARMACEUTICALS

### REASON FOR REQUEST

#### I. GENERAL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW CORRESPONDENCE            | <input type="checkbox"/> RESUBMISSION                     | <input type="checkbox"/> LABELING REVISION                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRUG ADVERTISING              | <input type="checkbox"/> SAFETY/EFFICACY                  | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL NEW CORRESPONDENCE         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADVERSE REACTION REPORT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ELECTRONIC NDA</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> FORMULATIVE REVIEW                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MANUFACTURING CHANGE/ADDITION | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTROL SUPPLEMENT               | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY BELOW)               |
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#### II. BIOMETRICS

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#### IV. DRUG EXPERIENCE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PHASE IV SURVEILLANCE/EPIDEMIOLOGY PROTOCOL             | <input type="checkbox"/> REVIEW OF MARKETING EXPERIENCE, DRUG USE AND SAFETY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRUG USE e.g. POPULATION EXPOSURE, ASSOCIATED DIAGNOSES | <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY OF ADVERSE EXPERIENCE                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASE REPORTS OF SPECIFIC REACTIONS (List below)         | <input type="checkbox"/> POISON RISK ANALYSIS                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMPARATIVE RISK ASSESSMENT ON GENERIC DRUG GROUP       |  |

#### V. SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS

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#### COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

DRAFT PACKAGE, IMMEDIATE CONTAINER AND CARTON LABELS WILL BE FORWARDED VIA INTER-OFFICE MAIL

SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER SEAN BRADLEY	METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> HAND
SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	SIGNATURE OF DELIVERER SEAN BRADLEY



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REQUEST FOR TRADEMARK REVIEW

**TO:** Labeling and Nomenclature Committee  
Attention: Dr. Dan Boring, HFD-530

**FROM:** Division of: Oncology Drug Products HFD-150  
Attention: Chengyi Liang Phone 594-5752

**DATE:** Jan. 15, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Request for Assessment of a Trademark for a Proposed  
Drug Product

**Proposed Trademark:** Velcade™ (bortezomib) for Injection

**NDA:** 21-602

**Company Name:** Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**Established name, including dosage form:**  
Bortezomib 3.5 mg/vials lyophilized

**Other trademarks by the same firm for companion products:**  
N/A

**Indications for Use (may be a summary if proposed statement is lengthy):**  
Relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma.

**Initial comments from the submitter: (concerns, observations, etc.)**

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**NOTE:** Meetings of the Committee are scheduled for the  
4th Tuesday of the month. Please submit this  
form at least one week ahead of the meeting.  
Responses will be as timely as possible.

Orig. NDA 21-602  
HFD-150 Division File  
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<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b> <b>FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION</b>  <b>APPLICATION TO MARKET A NEW DRUG, BIOLOGIC,</b> <b>OR AN ANTIBIOTIC DRUG FOR HUMAN USE</b> <i>(Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 314 &amp; 601)</i>		Form Approved. OMB No. 0910-0338 Expiration Date: August 31, 2005 See OMB Statement on page 2.
		FOR FDA USE ONLY
		APPLICATION NUMBER
		NDA Number 21-602

<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>		
NAME OF APPLICANT Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	DATE OF SUBMISSION May 12, 2003	
TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) (617) 679-7000	FACSIMILE (FAX) Number (Include Area Code) (617) 551-3742	
APPLICANT ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Country, ZIP Code or Mail Code, and U.S. License number if previously issued):  75 Sidney Street Cambridge, MA 02139 USA	AUTHORIZED U.S. AGENT NAME & ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP Code, telephone & FAX number) IF APPLICABLE  N/A	

<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>		
NEW DRUG OR ANTIBIOTIC APPLICATION NUMBER, OR BIOLOGICS LICENSE APPLICATION NUMBER (If previously issued)		
ESTABLISHED NAME (e.g., Proper name, USP/USAN name) bortezomib	PROPRIETARY NAME (trade name) IF ANY VELCADE™ for Injection	
CHEMICAL/BIOCHEMICAL/BLOOD PRODUCT NAME (If any) [(1R)-3-methyl-1-[(2S)-1-oxo-3-phenyl-2-[(pyrazinylcarbonyl)amino]propyl]amino]butyl]boronic acid	CODE NAME (If any) PS-341	
DOSAGE FORM lyophilized powder for injection	STRENGTHS: 3.5 mg	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Intravenous
(PROPOSED) INDICATION(S) FOR USE: Relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma		

<b>APPLICATION INFORMATION</b>		
APPLICATION TYPE (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW DRUG APPLICATION (21 CFR 314.50) <input type="checkbox"/> ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG APPLICATION (ANDA, 21 CFR 314.94) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICS LICENSE APPLICATION (21 CFR Part 601)		
IF AN NDA, IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 105 (b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505 (b)(2)		
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REASON FOR SUBMISSION		
PROPOSED MARKETING STATUS (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRESCRIPTION PRODUCT (Rx) <input type="checkbox"/> OVER THE COUNTER PRODUCT (OTC)		
NUMBER OF VOLUMES SUBMITTED _____ THIS APPLICATION IS <input type="checkbox"/> PAPER <input type="checkbox"/> PAPER AND ELECTRONIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTRONIC		
<b>ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION (Full establishment information should be provided in the body of the Application.)</b> Provide locations of all manufacturing, packaging and control sites for drug substance and drug product (continuation sheets may be used if necessary). Include name, address, contact, telephone number, registration number (CEN), DMF number, and manufacturing steps and/or type of testing (e.g. Final dosage form, Stability testing) conducted at the site. Please indicate whether the site is ready for inspection or, if not, when it will be ready.		
Cross References (list related License Applications, INDs, NDAs, PMAs, 510(k)s, IDEs, BMFs, and DMFs referenced in the current application)  IND #56,515 MF #12683 MF #1546		

This application contains the following items: (Check all that apply)	
1. Index	
2. Labeling (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft Labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Final Printed Labeling
3. Summary (21 CFR 314.50 (c))	
4. Chemistry section	
A. Chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(1); 21 CFR 601.2)	
B. Samples (21 CFR 314.50 (e)(1); 21 CFR 601.2 (a)) (Submit only upon FDA's request)	
C. Methods validation package (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(e)(2)(i); 21 CFR 601.2)	
5. Nonclinical pharmacology and toxicology section (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(2); 21 CFR 601.2)	
6. Human pharmacokinetics and bioavailability section (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(3); 21 CFR 601.2)	
7. Clinical Microbiology (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(4))	
8. Clinical data section (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(5); 21 CFR 601.2)	
9. Safety update report (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(5)(vi)(b); 21 CFR 601.2)	
10. Statistical section (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(d)(6); 21 CFR 601.2)	
11. Case report tabulations (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50(f)(1); 21 CFR 601.2)	
12. Case report forms (e.g., 21 CFR 314.50 (f)(2); 21 CFR 601.2)	
13. Patent information on any patent which claims the drug (21 U.S.C. 355(b) or (c))	
14. A patent certification with respect to any patent which claims the drug (21 U.S.C. 355 (b)(2) or (j)(2)(A))	
15. Establishment description (21 CFR Part 1400, if applicable)	
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17. Field copy certification (21 CFR 314.50 (l)(3))	
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19. Financial Information (21 CFR Part 54)	
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## CERTIFICATION

I agree to update this application with new safety information about the product that may reasonably affect the statement of contraindications, warnings, precautions, or adverse reactions in the draft labeling. I agree to submit safety update reports as provided for by regulation or as requested by FDA. If this application is approved, I agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations that apply to approved applications, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Good manufacturing practice regulations in 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 or applicable regulations, Parts 606, and/or 820.
2. Biological establishment standards in 21 CFR Part 600.
3. Labeling regulations in 21 CFR Parts 201, 606, 610, 660, and/or 809.
4. In the case of a prescription drug or biological product, prescription drug advertising regulations in 21 CFR Part 202.
5. Regulations on making changes in application in FD&C Act Section 506A, 21 CFR 314.71, 314.72, 314.97, 314.99, and 601.12.
6. Regulations on Reports in 21 CFR 314.80, 314.81, 600.80, and 600.81.
7. Local, state and Federal environmental impact laws.

If this application applies to a drug product that FDA has proposed for scheduling under the Controlled Substances Act, I agree not to market the product until the Drug Enforcement Administration makes a final scheduling decision.

The data and information in this submission have been reviewed and, to the best of my knowledge are certified to be true and accurate.

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**From:** Bross, Peter F  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2003 1:25 PM  
**To:** Bradley, Sean  
**Subject:** FW: Velcade duration of response

For the record...

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bross, Peter F  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 03, 2003 1:24 PM  
**To:** 'Lewis, Tanya'; Pietrusko, Robert  
**Cc:** Wang, Yong-Cheng; Farrell, Ann T; Chen, Gang  
**Subject:** Velcade duration of response

Tanya, Bob:

Our statistician, Dr Wang, still reports problems confirming your claimed duration of CR+PR responses in 025:

- > I have checked the datasets submitted by the sponsor and
- > found that I have the duration of response for Study 024
- > only. Can we request the sponsor to submit the duration of
- > response for Study 025 and 029 and to explain how they got
- > the number 365?

We note your previous response to this question:

...analyses of duration of response for the 67 patients who responded (CR + PR+ MR) produced a median duration of response utilizing SAS PROC lifetest (Kaplan-Meier analyses) of 365 days. Analysis of the data for the 53 CR/PR patients also produced a median duration of response of 365 days. (See Table 14.2.2A in Section 14.2, Module 5, Section 5.3.5.2.5, M34100-025 CSR, page 574.)

We also note your pooled duration of response KM output, p1783, and table 14.2.2A, attached.



Sponsor's 025 Sponsor's 025  
Pooled Duration of Response

Can you provide the dataset from which the duration of response output was derived?

When I tried to analyze the duration of CR or PR for 53 patients from IRCRESP dataset, I had to derive the approximate duration of response by the IRC response data by cycle and multiplying cycles by 30/21 to get months. The output looked like it could support labeling for duration of response along the lines of 'at least 5 months, median not reached.'



FDA Duration  
of CR or PR.doc

Thanks,  
-Peter

## TELECON MEMO

NDA# 21-602

Date: May 02, 2003

Date Received: January 21, 2003

PDUFA Due Date: July 21, 2003

Drug Name: Velcade (bortezomib) for Injection

Sponsor: Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Proposed Indication: Treatment of Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma

**BETWEEN: Representatives of Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.:**

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**AND**

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## MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

**DATE OF TELECON:** April 17, 2003

**Time:** 1:30 PM, EST

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** 21-602

**BETWEEN:** Dr. Harvey Katzen

**AND**

Richard Pazdur, MD, Director  
Ann Farrell, MD, Acting Team Leader  
Peter Bross, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Robert Kane, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Sean Bradley, RPh, Consumer Safety Officer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Velcade (bortezomib) Injection, NDA 21-602

**BACKGROUND:** A medical background package was forwarded to Dr. Katzen for his review prior to the teleconference.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On April 14, 2003, the medical review team called Dr. Katzen to discuss response rates, current clinical experience and safety data for Velcade.

Dr. Pazdur briefly summarized the contents of the application and stated that the Division was pursuing accelerated approval of this NDA and requested Dr. Katzen's opinion of the Division's planned action.

Dr. Katzen agreed with the Division's decision to approve this NDA under subpart H and stated that this drug offers patients a better treatment option compared to current therapies in this setting.

**/S/**

Sean Bradley, R.Ph.  
Consumer Safety Officer



## MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

**DATE OF TELECON:** April 14, 2003

**Time:** 5:30 PM, EST

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** 21-602

**BETWEEN:** Dr. Chatchada Karanes

**AND**

Richard Pazdur, MD, Director  
Grant Williams, MD, Deputy Director  
Ann Farrell, MD, Acting Team Leader  
Peter Bross, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Robert Kane, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Sean Bradley, RPh, Consumer Safety Officer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Velcade (bortezomib) Injection, NDA 21-602

**BACKGROUND:** A medical background package was forwarded to Dr. Karanes for her review prior to the teleconference.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On April 14, 2003, the medical review team called Dr. Karanes to discuss response rates, current clinical experience and safety data for Velcade.

Dr. Pazdur briefly summarized the contents of the application and stated that the Division was pursuing accelerated approval of this NDA and requested Dr. Karanes' opinion of the Division's planned action.

Dr. Karanes agreed with the Division's decision to approve this NDA under subpart H and stated that this drug looks to be better than current therapies.

**/S/**  
Sean Bradley, R.Ph.  
Consumer Safety Officer

## MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

**DATE OF TELECON:** April 14, 2003

**Time:** 4:15 PM, EST

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** 21-602

**BETWEEN:** Dr. Bruce Cheson

**AND**

Richard Pazdur, MD, Director  
Grant Williams, MD, Deputy Director  
Ann Farrell, MD, Acting Team Leader  
Peter Bross, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Robert Kane, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Sean Bradley, RPh, Consumer Safety Officer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Velcade (bortezomib) Injection, NDA 21-602

**BACKGROUND:** A medical background package was forwarded to Dr. Cheson for his review prior to the teleconference.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On April 14, 2003, the medical review team called Dr. Cheson to discuss response rates, current clinical experience and safety data for Velcade.

Dr. Pazdur briefly summarized the contents of the application and stated that the Division was pursuing accelerated approval of this NDA and requested Dr. Cheson's opinion of the Division's planned action.

Dr. Cheson agreed with the Division's decision to approve this NDA under subpart H and stated that this is an exciting drug.

**/S/**  
Sean Bradley, R.Ph.  
Consumer Safety Officer

## MEMORANDUM OF TELECON

**DATE OF TELECON:** April 11, 2003

**Time:** 5:00 PM, EST

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** 21-602

**BETWEEN:** Dr. Donna Przepiorka

**AND**

Richard Pazdur, MD, Director  
Grant Williams, MD, Deputy Director  
Ann Farrell, MD, Acting Team Leader  
Peter Bross, MD, Medical Reviewer  
Robert Kane, MD, Medical Reviewer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Velcade (bortezomib) Injection, NDA 21-602

**BACKGROUND:** A medical background package was forwarded to Dr. Przepiorka for her review prior to the teleconference.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On April 14, 2003, the medical review team called Dr. Przepiorka to discuss response rates, current clinical experience and safety data for Velcade.

Dr. Pazdur briefly summarized the contents of the application and stated that the Division was pursuing accelerated approval of this NDA and requested Dr. Przepiorka's opinion of the Division's planned action.

Dr. Przepiorka agreed with the Division's decision to approve this NDA under subpart H and stated that based on the response rate, complete or partial, this drug has the ability to have clinical benefit in refractory myeloma patients.

**/S/**  
Sean Bradley, R.Ph.  
Consumer Safety Officer